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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2235

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SUBJ: BORGONOVO CALLS FOR CALM IN WAKE OF JALAPA FAILURE

REF: A. TEGUCIGALPA 2336, B. TEGUCIGALPA 2339

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1. IN AN EFFORT COINCIDING WITH THAT OF HONDURAN FONMIN BATRES TO DEFLATE WAR SCARE STORIES (REFTELS), FONMIN BORGONOVO GRANTED TELEPHONE INTERVIEW TO LA PRENSA OF TEGUCIGALPA. ACAN SUMMARY OF INTER WAS CARRIED HERE BY LOCAL PRESS. BORGONOVO ASSERTED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE AT PEACE, CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT A "PRE-WAR" ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED IN EL SALVADOR AND CALLED FOR CALM. HE JUSTIFIED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE JALAPA MEETING BY ARGUING THAT HAD THE WELL-PUBLICIZED MEETING FAILED TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING, THE ENTIRE NEGOTIATION PROCESS MIGHT HAVE ENDED. HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER ASSERTION THAT ALL PARTIES HAD "SILENTLY" AGREED THAT THE JALAPA MEETING WOULD NOT BE PROFITABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE HE URGED THAT THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS THAT NOW PREVENT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS BE DEALT WITH SLOWLY. CITING THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION AGAINST REDUCING THE NATIONAL TERRITORY, BORGONOVO

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REJECTED COMPULSORY ARBITRATION OF THE DISPUTED BOUNDARY. INSTEAD,

HE PROPOSED THAT BATRES AND HIMSELF CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY
(THUS IMPLICITLY REJECTING FUTURE SUMMIT MEETINGS OF THE CHIEFS OF
STATE).

2. COMMENT: IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT BORGONOVO FELT THE NEED TO
TALK ONLY TO THE HONDURAN PRESS. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE LOCAL INTEREST
IN THE JALAPA FAILURE AND THE REACTION HAS BEEN LOW KEY THUS FAR.
NEITHER MEDIA NOR PPOLITICANS OF ANY STRIPE ARE RATTLING SABERS OR
TRYING TO MAKE POLITICAL HAY EITHER OUT OF THE POSTPONEMENT OR
THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF THE DISPUTE.
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